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Dear Mr. High:

Your letter of June 19, 1961 concerning your interest in
the Sabena Belgian World Airlines aircraft accident at Berg,
Belgium, on February 15, 1961, has been referred to this office.

As you are probably aware, investigation of this accident
is under the complete jurisdiction of the Belgian Government.
Although the United States Government offered to assist the
Belgian authorities in its investigation shortly after the fatal
accident, our offer was not accepted. In recent weeks, however,
the Belgian Investigation Commission has consulted the United
States Civil Aeronautics Board and the Federal Aviation Agency
on some technical aspects of the accident investigation.

Information available to the Department does not indicate
that a probable cause of the accident has been determined and
no official statement concerning the probable cause has come to
the attention of the Department.

I hope that the above information will prove helpful to
you.

Sincerely yours,

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